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BY ECF

The Honorable Kenneth M. Karas  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
300 Quarropas Street  
White Plains, New York 10601

Re: *United States v. Karen Polonia Alcantara, et al*, 19 Cr. 195 (KMK)

Dear Judge Karas:

The Government respectfully submits this letter, with the consent of counsel to each defendant, to request an approximately 60-day adjournment of the upcoming status conference, previously scheduled for June 29, 2021.

The parties have been discussing potential dispositions of the case without trial, and in the coming weeks, counsel anticipates that defendant John Estrella will be prepared to enter a guilty plea pursuant to a plea agreement. The adjournment will provide the parties with time to finalize plea discussions. Additionally, the Government has made electronically stored information and other discovery available to the defense. To allow the defense time to review the discovery and determine what motions, if any, they wish to make, and in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and related restrictions on travel and contact, the Government requests that the time between the date of this letter and the next scheduled conference date be prospectively excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), in the interest of justice.

Granted. The conference is adjourned to 9/22/21, at 11:00. Time is excluded until then, in the interests of justice, to allow for the review of discovery and for the filing of any motions. The interests of justice of from this exclusion outweigh the public's and Mr. Estrella's interests in a speedy trial. See 18 U.S.C. Section 3161(h)(7)(A).

So Ordered.

6/29/21

Respectfully submitted,

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